

REMARKS

The Examiner has imposed an additional Restriction Requirement reformulating the previous restriction requirement further to Applicants' prior election of Group II(a). In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II(a)-1 (encompassing claim 43), without traverse.

In view of the foregoing election, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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